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SUBJ: ISRAELI PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN JERUSALEM

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR KOLLEY, I ASKED
ABOUT REPORTED NEW CITY PLANNING GUIDELINES WHICH
HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. THE
PRESS STATED SERIES OF LARGE NEW SHOPPING AND OFFICE
CENTERS WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN OUTLYING AREAS
(PRESUMABLY IN NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS GILO AND
RAMOT ESHKOL) IN "ANNEXED" EAST JERUSALEM.
MAYOR WAS RATHER CAGEY AND DOWNPLAYED SIGNIFICANCE
OF PRESS ACCOUNTS STATING THAT CITY COUNCIL HAD
MERELY GIVEN APPROVAL TO GUIDELINES
UNDER WHICH MUNICIPALITY HAD BEEN OPERATING FOR
SOMETIME. NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR GUIDELINES TO
GO TO DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FORMAL
APPROVAL BY GOI.

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2. I ALSO ASKED ABOUT RECENT ARTICLE BY
TORGERSON (LA TIMES) WHICH QUOTED DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF JEWISH ORDER RECONSTRUCTION AND
DEVELOPMENT CORP TO EFFECT THAT MOSLEM QUARTER
WOULD ALSO BE "RESTORED." KOLLEK SAID THIS
WAS TRUE AND CITED RECENT CONSTRUCTION IN

CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM QUARTERS TO INSTALL
MODERN SEWAGE SYSTEM. WHEN PRESSED AS TO
ADDITIONAL PLAN FOR THE OLD CITY, THE MAYOR
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SOUKS (BAZAARS) WOULD BE
REFURBISHED. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE
MUNICIPALITY WISHED TO LOWER THE POPULATION
DENSITY OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM QUARTERS
BUT NOTED THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES INHERENT
IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS AIM. EVEN WHEN ARABS
AGREED TO SELL THEIR APARTMENTS OR DWELLINGS
TO DEVELOPERS, THEY STILL PROTESTED WHEN
TIME CAME FOR THEM TO LEAVE AND INSISTED ON
BEING FORCIBLY EVICTED WITH MAXIMUM PUBLICITY.
MOROVER WHEN ARAB FAMILIES EVICTED UNER
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO
PREVENT SQUATTERS FROM TAKING THEIR PLACE.

3. COMMENT: EXPROPRIATION AND RECONSTRUCTION
OF JEWISH QUARTER HAS NOT RESULTED IN SAME
DEGREE OF ATTENTION IN UN AND ELSEWHERE AS
OTHER ISRAELI ACTIONS SUCH AS MAZAR'S
EXCAVATIONS NEAR THE TEMPLE MOUNT. NOW THAT
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE JEWISH QUARTER IS WELL
ON THE WAY TO COMPLETION, IF ISRAELIS BEGIN
LARGE SCALE RECONSTRUCTION IN OTHER QUARTERS
WITHIN THE CITY WALLS, WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT
THE MATTER WILL BE AIRE IN THE SC AND OTHER
UN BODIES. ALTHOUGH ISRAELIS ARE NOTORIOUSLY
TIGHT-LIPPED ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR EAST
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